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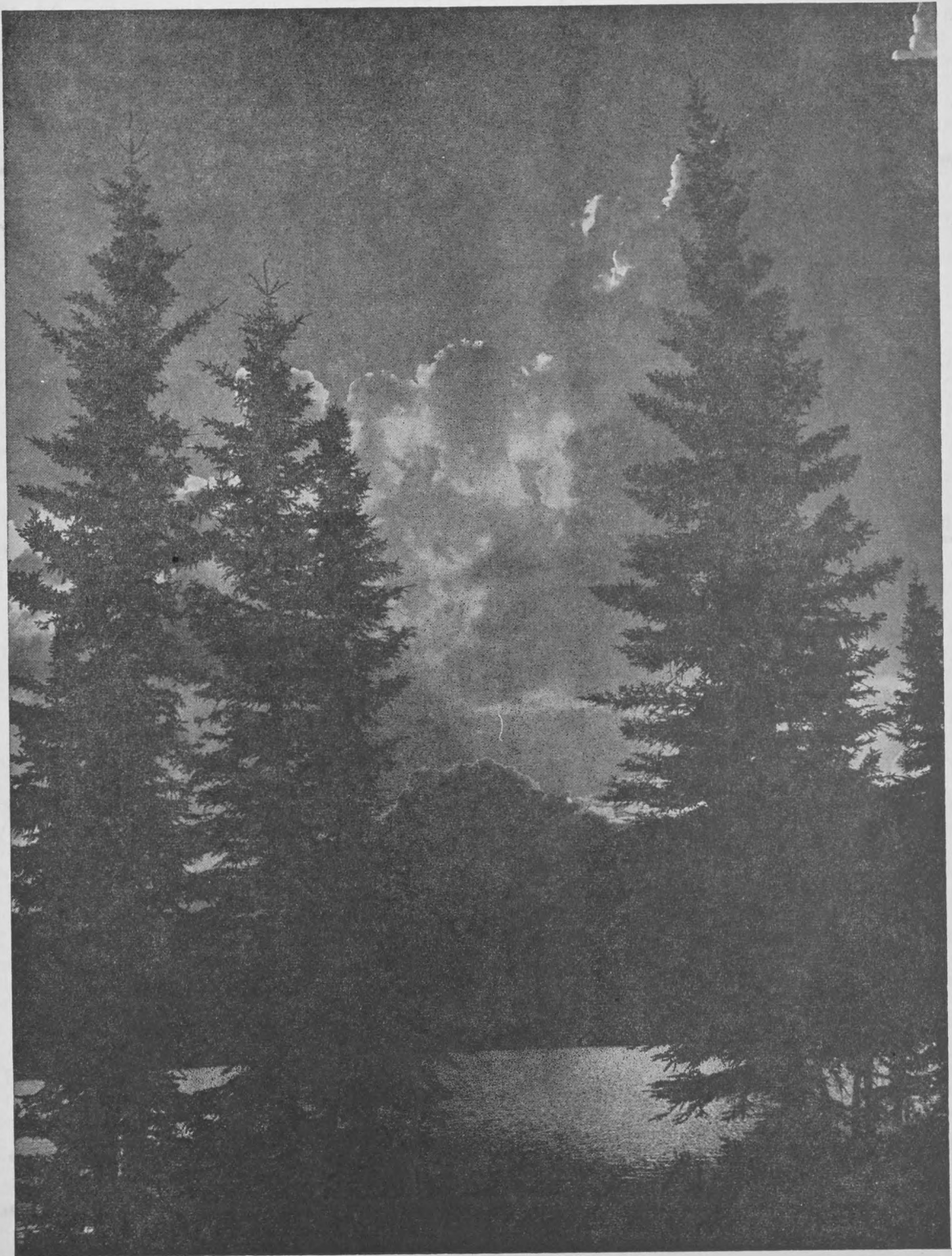
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## The Bishop's Page

My dear People,

My trip to the Arctic is no longer news. The Press and Radio gave it a good deal of publicity. I am truly grateful to them for this because it has helped to bring the great work of Canon and Mrs. Webster to the attention of a large number of our own people as well as others. Information stimulates interest and interest begets support.

I returned full of pride and gratitude for what, under God, our church has been able to do during the past twenty years through this heroic and faithful priest—Canon Webster—among the Eskimos of the Coppermine, Cambridge Bay area. In due course, on my return from Lambeth, I will take the opportunity whenever and wherever it occurs to tell you the story of what I saw and experienced. Meanwhile I am confined to my usual space on this page and to my not too facile pen.

It was a heart-warming experience to be welcomed by about 100 Eskimos as the plane landed at Coppermine. I shall never forget the sight of those happy people, dressed in their incomparably picturesque and beautiful furs, running to greet me with a handshake and to smile a welcome. By the way, I am the proud possessor of one of the most beautiful of their outfits, made specially for me by Mrs. Ike Bolt, the wife of our Eskimo Lay Reader at Coppermine. (I secretly cherish the hope that I shall have further opportunity of wearing it in the Arctic).

Concerning the Eskimo people, I can say that I have never met a more attractive people. In their whole bearing there is dignity, strength, courtesy and kindness. I was already prepared to see a fine race of people, because from time to time I have visited them in the Charles Camsell Hospital here in Edmonton. Only yesterday I confirmed two very attractive girls in the Chapel of the hospital. They are patients well on the road to recovery through the skill and devotion of the doctors and nurses at that fine institution.

But my trip was made in order to see our Church at work, and to fill in for Bishop Fleming, who is ill. What I saw has confirmed the impressions I have had of Canon Webster ever since his student days, and has also confirmed my faith in the Gospel and the Church, which exists to make that Gospel real to all men.

You will be glad to learn that 85 per cent of the Eskimos in the area I visited are members of our own Church. This in spite of the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has five priests to our one. This is itself a remarkable tribute to the work of Canon Webster. He is not only loved and trusted as a priest, but he is respected as a man by natives as well as our own people who live there. Part of the reason for the high regard in which he

is held is due to the fact that he has identified himself with the life of his people. They are in a most real sense his people because of course they are God's people first. He is admired as a great traveller. He endures the rigours of the climate; the hazards of travelling long distances by dog sleds, the privations incidental to continuous life in the Arctic regions with undaunted courage and faith in the worthwhileness of his job. I can readily understand how any man with a real sense of vocation, and adequate physical, moral and spiritual stamina would be glad to give his entire life to the service of these fine people.

I saw the fruits of his work—devout church people gathered reverently in their places of worship (more often a house than a church) receiving the bread of life, kneeling to receive God's blessing in Confirmation, presenting their children for the grace of Baptism and singing heartily and tunefully the praises of God. The roots of that work lie deep down in his faithful heart.

On the whole the people presented a picture of radiant health. But I soon discovered that sickness, pain and suffering are common. I saw Canon Webster engaged in his healing ministry. He assured me that through his partial training in medical science he had been able to reach the hearts of the people with his good news. The trust and confidence with which his people come to him in every form of human ailment is an eloquent testimony to his worth.

I will, in conclusion, try to give you a brief picture of Canon Webster's Pastoral visiting for 1948.

He travelled to Read Island, a round trip of 270 miles, by dog sled for New Year's Day. The whole trip took about nine days, including three days at Read. Returning to Coppermine he set out for a trip inland on January 20th, returning February 15th, covering about 850 miles and visiting all his people. On this trip he encountered the worst storms in the whole of his 20 years in the North. From February 14th to March 8th he was at home in Coppermine. On March 6th he set out to visit his people at Holman Island, Minto Inlet, etc., a round trip of about 1,000 miles, returning April 7th, two days before I arrived in Coppermine. A few days after my visit he set out again on a round trip of 1,100 miles to Bathurst Inlet, Wilmot Island and Cambridge Bay and will be back home on May 26th. As you see he is away from home about five months of the year in the performance of his services for the people and for his church.

Here is a piece of work to which God is urgently calling some young priest to go in and help Canon Webster. I intend to try to make that call heard everywhere.

Yours faithfully,

*Walter Schmonlin*



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## The Editor's Columns

### THE WORD OF GOD

It was the sort of funeral which I do not like. A mother in her early thirties had died, leaving two small children.

After the service one of the mourners startled me with this statement, "I liked it when you were saying it, and not when you were reading it." Of course what I had been saying was my own funeral message, and what I had been reading was the Word of God.

So I asked, "Didn't you understand what I was reading? Wasn't it familiar to you?" Back came the reply, "No, I didn't understand it. I never heard it before." The Word of God so strange to human hearts in our land in the twentieth century!

Yet that is not an isolated case. I have heard similar remarks before and since. Far too many souls today do not find in the Word of God a "lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pathway." And that is because they do not read it.

Perhaps there is nothing more pitiful than a person at a funeral who has neglected God, the Bible and the Church. They seem lost; they have nothing to which to cling; they have no hope.

Strange, indeed, are the requests that come to a pastor from such people in a time of death.

It has oft been repeated that Christianity is only one generation from extinction. Children come into the world and must be taught anew. Without Christian teaching in home, church and in life they grow up without Christian knowledge, understanding and experience. The old practice of Bible-reading bore fruitage in later life. Our people do not know the treasures of the Bible because they do not read it.

We sometimes laugh at the old folk who used to read through the Bible and mark the date when it had been completed, but such a system has certain merits. Certainly no one can learn what is in the Bible without reading it. And that should be one of our prime objectives today, to get people to read the Bible. Maybe we have been so busy with a lot of other things that we forget each generation must be taught anew the basic Christian facts and practices.

Certainly, were people reading their Bibles and daily filling themselves with the Word of God, they would not say, "I liked it when you were saying it, and not when you were reading it." They would hunger and thirst for the Word of Life as only God can give it to hungry souls.

W. R. Siegart.

### EPHESUS

Ephesus was once a proud city. The temple of Diana was there. But it was also a commercial city of much wealth and importance.

In biblical times Ephesus had a harbor into which came the ships of the then known world. That harbor helped to make the city an important one.

But after Roman times neglect seemed to be the spirit of the day. The harbor no longer received attention. Gradually and silently silt settled to the bottom and in time ships could no longer enter the harbor. The commercial importance of Ephesus declined in proportion to the sway of neglect. Today only a village remains.

The story of Ephesus has long interested us because there is the story of many lives. Neglect always exacts its price in decay and ruin.

A life, to be kept on a high plane, must be continually cleansed. It must receive constant care and attention. Something must be in the life, and if that something be not good, it is bound to be bad.

So we all need repentance, forgiveness, cleansing of soul and mind. We all need to refresh ourselves at the fountain of grace. We all need the communion and worship in the House of God. We cannot neglect our souls and our lives; we need to keep the silt of life from blocking the harbor of our souls, by constant attention, empowered by the Spirit of God.—W. R. Siegart.

—The Expositor.





# DIOCESAN NEWS



## CLERGY HOLD REFRESHER COURSE MAY 18-21

As a result of a request from the Clergy from the Edmonton Deanery a Refresher Course was arranged by the Bishop. Canon E. H. Maddocks, B.D., Rector of St Stephen's Church, Calgary, was invited to conduct the course, and the main subject was the New Testament, with special reference to the Apocalyptic. The Clergy are much indebted to Canon Maddocks for his fine addresses, and particularly his scholarly treatment of the Book of the Revelation. It was felt that a most happy choice of lecturer had been made, and all found the mornings' studies of much value. It is hoped that another course of a similar nature may be held next year. The Hon. Justice F. Ford, Chancellor of the Diocese entertained the Clergy to a luncheon on the last day at the King Edward Hotel, this being the last opportunity for the Bishop to meet with the Clergy before leaving for Lambeth.

## WESTERN FIELD SECRETARY RESIGNS

The Rev. L. A. C. Smith, Western Field Secretary of the General Board of Religious Education, has resigned in order to accept the invitation to become Rector of All Saints, Vernon, in the Diocese of Kootenay. Mr. Smith has held the post of Western Field Secretary since January, 1945, and is very well known throughout the Diocese where he has rendered great assistance in the sphere of Religious Education. His successor will be appointed immediately, and announcement of this will be made in our next issue. We wish Mr. Smith every blessing in his new work.

## BROADCASTING ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR, every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. over CFRN.

SERVICES AT 11:00 A.M. ON SUNDAYS		
June 6—St. Faith's .....	CJCA	
13 Christ Church .....	CFRN	
20 All Saints .....	CJCA	
July 4 St. Faith's .....	CJCA	
11 Holy Trinity .....	CFRN	

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

**Almighty God, the giver of all things, send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church throughout this Diocese; the Bishop, the Clergy, all Lay Workers, and all who belong to the Fellowship of Christ's Flock, and especially .....**  
**May Thy Fatherly Hand ever be over us, and may Thy Holy Spirit guide us in our work, that Thy name may be ever glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- June 6**  
The Parish of Wabamun, and the Ven. Walter Leversedge.
- June 13**  
The Ven. S. F. Tackaberry, Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, and will be Commissary for the Bishop during the Bishop's absence at Lambeth.
- June 20**  
The Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary.
- June 27**  
The Parish of Barrhead and Westlock, and the Rev. D. V. A. Browne.
- July 4**  
The Parish of Tofield, Viking, Rodino, and The Rev. E. N. P. Orme.

## BISHOP TURNS FIRST SOD AT IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

On Saturday afternoon, May 15th, the Bishop officiated at the ceremony of Breaking Ground for the new Memorial Parish Hall at Holy Trinity, Edmonton. It was a brilliant day, and a large number of parishioners attended. The choir, in procession, took their places along the sides of the area on which the hall is to be built, and a hymn was sung to the accompaniment of the Church chimes. After the opening Prayers, and a few words of commendation, the Bishop dug the first sod. Spades were then passed in both direc-

## PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP

A reception was held in All Saints' Hall on Monday evening, May 10th to enable our Church people to say 'Goodbye' to the Bishop before he left for England and the Lambeth Conference. Archdeacon S. F. Tackaberry was unable to be present, and the Dean of Edmonton acted as Chairman. Motion pictures were shown for the first hour, and later the Dean conveyed to the Bishop the good wishes of the whole Diocese for his forthcoming journey, and presented him with a cheque, a gift of the Diocese.

The Bishop expressed his gratification at the reception and the many expressions of affection and goodwill which he had received. He mentioned that Mrs. Barfoot had already left for the East, and so was unable to be present. He announced that the cheque from the Diocese amounted to \$1,600, and voiced his thanks for this gift towards the expenses of the voyage, and mentioned several places at which he expected to preach in England before the Conference. He hopes to be back in the Diocese early in September.

Through the kindness of the Diocese W.A. branches refreshments were served.

The Bishop left by plane for Toronto on May 26th and will leave Montreal with Mrs. Barfoot by plane on June 4th. His letter will appear each month as usual in THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN.

tions along the lines, and Wardens, Vestrymen and Honorary Vestrymen, Presidents of organizations, Sunday School Teachers, leaders of youth groups, members of the choir, and others, all were given the opportunity of turning a sod. The concluding prayers were said by the Bishop, and a bulldozer entered the grounds to begin the work of excavation. Following the ceremony a Parish Tea and sale was held in the Church basement through the co-operation of all Church groups.

## ANGLICAN ADVANCE APPEAL

The following is the list of the latest returns by Dioceses to the Anglican Advance Appeal. The amount pledged still to come in is just over \$1,000,000.

Diocese	Objectives accepted by Dioceses	Cash remitted to December 31, 1947
Algoma .....	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 76,053.63
Arctic .....	5,500.00	3,703.28
Athabasca ...	14,700.00	11,500.00
Brandon .....	25,200.00	29,070.00
B. C. ....	94,500.00	91,943.14
Caledonia ...	14,700.00	1,153.80
Calgary .....	63,000.00	71,250.00
Cariboo .....	14,700.00	5,996.67
Edmonton.....	63,000.00	59,051.43
Frederickton	157,000.00	118,858.73
Huron .....	497,700.00	375,000.00
Keewatin .....	21,000.00	8,940.00
Kootenay .....	42,000.00	34,850.90
Montreal .....	409,500.00	340,584.09
Moosonee ...	17,500.00	6,715.82
New West'er	199,500.00	136,250.31
Niagara .....	361,200.00	290,000.00
Ontario .....	147,000.00	109,345.54
N. S. ....	210,000.00	177,492.31
Ottawa .....	304,500.00	200,000.00
Qu'Appelle...	84,000.00	74,281.14
Quebec .....	84,000.00	85,696.09
Rupert's Ld.	100,000.00	90,874.44
Sask. ....	25,200.00	16,605.79
Saskatoon ...	33,600.00	37,600.00
Toronto .....	1,043,700.00	770,374.51
Yukon .....	5,000.00	1,500.00
Special .....	.....	50,000.00
	<b>\$4,111,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,274,691.62</b>

## ANGLICAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A supper meeting, held in St. Peter's parish hall, brought to a close one of the most successful years this association has had. A great deal of the credit must go to the Rev. F. Peake, who every month has lectured on Audio-Visual Aids, and prepared a class to write an examination on this subject, the first to be written in the Anglican Church in Canada.

From these lectures it was learned that dramatics are one of the best educational methods, and so it was most satisfying when the Bishop said, that the dramatic night was excellent—the best yet.

As usual prizes are to be given for **work books**, made by the pupils themselves. This competition is open to any school in the diocese. Send in the best book from each grade or department to **Miss E. Merryweather** c/o Synod office, 10029 103rd St., Edmonton by July 15th. One great fault with the books has been that the answers were not corrected, neglecting to do this detracts from the value of the book to the pupil, and makes the judging harder. The **attendance banner** competition closes at the end of May, and schools are asked to send in their returns as soon as possible.

Keep the first Tuesday in the month free during the next school year. Come to the Teachers' meetings to gather useful knowledge, and to share with others what you already have.

## PASSING OF THE REV. W. J. BRANT



We record with sadness the death of the Rev. William J. Brant on Monday, May 24th in the Vermilion Hospital, after a short illness, at the age of 64 years.

Coming to this Diocese three years ago from the Diocese of Saskatchewan, Mr. Brant was appointed to the parish of Clandonald, Landonville and Irwinville, with Kitscoty. Recently he had been responsible for the commencement of work at Marwayne. He was ordained in 1939, and served in the parish of Sturgeon Lake with Brierly from 1939 to 1941, and Meadow Lake from 1941 to 1945.

He is survived by his wife at Clandonald, one daughter, Alice of Vermilion Hospital; two sons, the Rev. Harry Brant of Vegreville, and David, a recent graduate in Arts of the University of Saskatchewan. A married daughter resides at Meadow Lake, Sask.

The funeral service was held at St. Saviour's Church, Vermilion, and was conducted by the Very Rev. A. M. Trendell, Dean of Edmonton, and burial was in the Vermilion cemetery.

The sympathy of the whole Diocese is extended to Mrs. Brant and her family in their bereavement. The Diocese mourns the loss of a fine and devoted priest.

## STAFF REQUIREMENTS

### INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

These vacancies must be filled before September 1st:

Three (3) Head Matrons  
Twenty-one (21) Teachers  
Six (6) Kitchen Matrons  
Five (5) Assistant Kitchen Matrons  
Two (2) Female General Assistants  
Seven (7) Male General Assistants (single)

Four (4) Boys' Supervisors  
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# Woman's Auxiliary



## WORLD PEACE— CALL TO PRAYER

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—From the April **Living Message**.

**Prayer** at 12 noon (whenever possible.)

"Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to read into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Delegates to the Dominion Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto the last week in September or first week in October, elected at W.A. Executive meeting, Tuesday, May 18th.

Mrs. F. C. Young, Diocesan Living Message Secretary.

## New Branches

City—St. Mark's Evening Branch;  
Wetaskiwin—Junior Auxiliary.

## Life Members

Mrs. Harold Reid, St. Saviour's, Vermilion.

## Change of Address

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Garton, 11304 127th Street, Rear.

## Other Addresses You may need:

Convener of Hospital Visiting, Mrs. R. Spilsted, 11335 102nd Avenue.

E.C.D. Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Manahan, 9818 89 ave.

U.T.O. Secretary, Mrs. L. Roberts, 10058 91st Avenue.

Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Hutt, 11823 105th Street.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Harris, 10806 125th Street.

## June Quarterly Board

Place, All Saints'.

Date, Friday, June 4th.

Time, 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Our delegates to the recent Leaders' Conference in Saskatoon will assist us at the Board Meeting.

Mrs. E. Davey—Understanding Boys and Girls (C.B.L.)

Mrs. C. R. W. Mager—Bible Study, recreation, games, etc.

Mrs. G. Wilson—Junior Work, Programme planning, Handicraft.

Mrs. A. Aldridge—Little Helpers.

## United Thank Offering

This is a reminder to all Branches that Offerings should be collected at your last meeting in June, and forwarded as soon as possible to Mrs. L. Roberts, U.T.O. Secretary, 10058 91st Avenue, Edmonton.

## The General Pledge

An increase of one hundred dollars! That is the amount accepted by the delegates and Presidents attending the annual in February of this year. So far 7 city branches and 8 country branches have informed the Treasurer of their intention to make some increase, making a total to date of \$53.50. Half the year is about gone; there is still needed \$46.50 to fulfill our promise.

## Leaders' Conference in Saskatoon

The conference is over, but not the enthusiasm. At least that is the judgment of one who has listened to some of the delegates from this diocese. We were well represented by Mrs. E. Davey, Mrs. C. R. Mager, Mrs. G. Wilson and Mrs. A. Aldridge. The W.A. Executive offers sincere thanks to the branches who so generously responded to an appeal to send these delegates to Saskatoon.

St. Faith's organization sponsored Mrs. E. Davey, C.B.L., secretary and St. John's, Mrs. A. Aldridge, President of their W.A. branch.

## Kapasiwin Calls

For furniture and furnishings for the staff cottage erected last summer. Cash would help too. The following articles are needed: bedroom mirrors, single beds with spring and new mattress, chest of drawers, stout arm-chairs, bedside tables, any pieces of wicker furniture, a desk, pictures, these could be new or used, but in good condition. An early response is necessary because Pembina Deanery W.A. meets at the Camp on June 23 and immediately after then, summer camps begin.

## From the Dominion Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer

## New Life Sanitorium, Obuse, Japan

The list of hospital supplies mentioned in the December **Living Message** has been purchased, packed and shipped and a very appreciative letter has arrived back to tell of their safe arrival in Japan. Since no equipment of any kind is available there, thread and needles had to be included in the shipment in order to make up the sheeting, the material for uniforms and to take care of necessary mending which will follow when these supplies have been pressed into service. At the Sub-Executive meeting in Toronto early in February it was decided that an appeal be launched for the purpose of raising \$1,500 to cover the cost of the supplies for the Sanitorium. Members, Branches and Diocesan Boards are urged to send their share and Voluntary contributions to the Dorcas Secretary as soon as possible in order to take care of this heavy outlay. Our Dorcas Secretary is Mrs. A. E. Hutt.

## Branch Visits

Since the Annual Meeting some branches have invited Diocesan Officers to visit them, and so the Educational Secretary has visited the Cathedral Evening Branch and the Church of the Good Shepherd; the Recording Secretary, St. John's; the Treasurer, and President, Duffield; the Corresponding Secretary and President, St. Michael's; the President, St. Mark's Evening Branch; and the Treasurer, Holy Trinity Young Women's Fellowship.

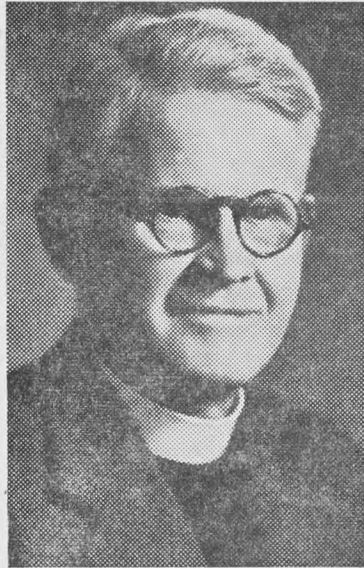


# British & Foreign Bible Society

"Never before have the Chinese been so sensitive to the Scriptures. They are not clamouring to enter the church, nor are they finding it easy to live the Christian life, but I say without fear of contradiction, that certainly during my time in China I have never known people so willing to receive the message." This statement made by the new General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, M.B.E., M.A., gives one an impression of the sense of urgency which permeated all of his talks during his visit in the North Alberta Auxiliary. He reminded us that this sensitivity will not necessarily endure until we find means of supplying people with the Scriptures. It is urgent that we do our utmost now to fill a vital need. Mr. Hudspeth referred to General MacArthur's statement made to a missionary in regard to Japan, "Now is your opportunity" and the emphasis might well be on the word "now."

Mrs. Hudspeth accompanied her husband on the tour of Western Canada. Both at once endeared themselves to those who had the privilege of meeting them. The past few years were trying to both of them. During the last three years of the war in China, they were confined in concentration camps. Mr. Hudspeth was placed in a completely unfurnished solitary cell where he lived on bread and water for over 90 days and suffered every form of indignity. He refers to these days as a spiritual penitentiary and said on several occasions that the unseen presence of Jesus Christ was very real.

The Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland, addressed the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. He chose as his text the words found in II Timothy, chapter 2 verse 9. "There is no prison for the Word of God" (Moffatt's translation). He stated that you can imprison the preacher, you can shackle the missionary, but you cannot impede the divine commission of God. Timothy was reminded that Paul wrote to him from prison. Though Paul himself was in prison and shackled, nothing could restrain the Gospel Paul preached. "I



Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, M.B.E., M.A.

come to you," said Mr. Hudspeth, "as an old missionary from China where I had the privilege of serving for 38 years." During the past few years he learned the truth of this text while he spent 90 odd days in prison where he was treated like a common criminal and another 2½ years in an interment camp. This experience, he stated, had burned into the marrow of his bones the truth that while one can take the missionary and imprison him behind barbed wire, one cannot wrap up, fasten up, restrain God's message.

This message has a wider meaning than simply imprisoning the Word of God. It has a meaning for our days. The Word of God will find its way, will reach its goal, fulfill its objective in spite of all efforts made by man to close it out. The Iron Curtain in Europe would seek to shut out all Christian influence, but it cannot; God's influence and message finds its way even behind the curtain.

Mr. Hudspeth related how Robert Morrison went to China 140 years ago as the first missionary. At that time preaching the Gospel was to be punished by death. Morrison used the printed word. The task of translating the Bible was a long, weary, heart-breaking task requiring from 10 to 12 years. This devoted man translated the

entire Bible into literary Chinese. Dr. Wm. Milne wrote to Mr. Morrison 120 years ago as follows:

"By God's help you have set on foot what the emperors and mandarins, and priests and literati, and people of China can never destroy; what will raze their temples, destroy their idols, change their lives and save the souls of many."

This prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter. Mr. Hudspeth stated that in China the Bible has overthrown idols, destroyed many superstitious temples, challenged the literary people of China with the truth as found in Jesus Christ and changed the lives of the people. The Shanghai Bible House, in spite of war conditions, sold more Bibles over the counter in 1947 than were sold in the whole of Canada or the United States. Today millions read their Bibles in China. A hundred years ago Chinese scholars would have spurned even to turn the pages of a Bible; today they refer to it not only as a classic but as the Holy Classic. The rulers of China are deeply interested in the Bible.

There is no prison for the Word of God. Years ago the emperor closed the gates of China to Christianity, but today more Scriptures are sold in China than copies of any other book. The reading of history is always heartening. We thereby recall the great Christians of the past and know that often when men have been despondent,

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# Bishop Stephen Neill Visits Japan

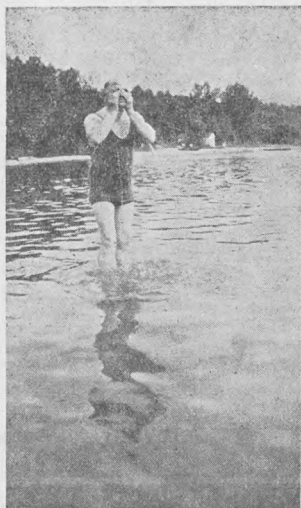
(The Right Rev. Stephen C. Neill who spent twenty years in South India, six of which he was Bishop of Tinnevely, is now assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury and co-director of the Study Department of the World Council of Churches. Bishop Neill was one of the leaders at the Whitby Conference in July 1947, and it is hoped that he will be in Canada next January for a Universities Mission. In Church circles he is considered one of the intellectual leaders of the day. This, coupled with a deep humility of spirit makes him one of the truly great men of the time.)

On his Far Eastern journey on behalf of the World Council of Churches Bishop Stephen Neill has recently visited Japan. His visit resulted in the acceptance by the Kyodan (Church of Christ) and the Sei Kokwai (Anglican Church) of membership in the World Council.

Bishop Neill, accompanied by Dr. Decker, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, had also interviews with the Emperor and General MacArthur. Concerning the interview with the Emperor he writes: "The Emperor spoke feelingly of the moral and spiritual deterioration that had been brought about by the war among the people of Japan, and his desire is that spiritual forces from outside should co-operate with those within Japan in the recovery of a better moral standard. He expressed the desire that Japan as it is now is for friendship with all nations."

Concerning the interview with General MacArthur Bishop Neill writes: "The General himself is a devout though undogmatic Christian. He has never concealed his conviction that, for Japan, democracy and acceptance of the basic principles of Christianity must go together. Christianity, as he sees it, with its insistence on the value of human personality, on rectitude in conduct and purity of heart, is the greatest idea in the world. 'But,' said the General, 'if you agree that now is the chance to bring the Japanese people under the direct influence of Christian teaching, **your missionary enterprise is on far too small a scale.** You have something like twelve hundred missionaries; you want to multiply your effort

about a hundredfold. In the past the missionary has gathered round him a little flock of faithful Christians, their life has been inward-looking, they have been a segregated flock. Now you have got to get your message out broadcast. **The only way is for the Missionary to create an immense army of Japanese who will go out to be missionaries to their own people,** and get this message out to the whole nation. That is going to cost money, But the generosity of Christian people, when they see a need is illimitable. **If you can get the Christian world convinced of the greatness of the call, surely there is no doubt of its rising to the height of the opportunity!"**



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Are you one of the large group with the smaller vision?

In every parish there is a smallish group of people whose vision is world-wide. They see that the Good News which Christ came to bring is intended for all the world, and is desperately needed throughout that world—and they are doing something about it.

Also in every parish, there is a large group of people whose vision is restricted to their own local parish. They, apparently, wish only to provide for the spiritual nurture of their own family and those who worship with them in the local Church. Beyond that is a blur.

Be honest with yourself—to which group do you belong?

This matter really resolves itself into three questions:

1. Do you believe that the Good News of Christ is for all men?

2. Are you a regular supporter of the missionary work of your Church? If not,

3. Do you think it is right or fair or according to His wishes, to leave so important a work as the extension of Christ's Kingdom to a small group in each parish?

Our Lord's direction to each Church member is clear. The world's need is clear. Only your response is needed, and your response, which is **between** you and your Lord, IS needed, if His Kingdom of Peace and Love is to go forward in all lands.—A. V. C.

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# "Aw Phooee!"

By Rev. David L. Greene  
Emerson, Man.

It is one of the most useful of modern exclamations. You try out friend neighbour's method of stoking on YOUR furnace and find that it does not work at all. You say, "Aw Phooee to you, Jones." You take a bottle of "Routs-It," sung over the radio as a sure fire remedy for arthritis and your joints continue to creak. You groan, "Aw phooee!" and give the empty bottle a kindly kick. You listen to Professor Equality's lecture on his new political theory. His party, the Even-divvies propose to portion out the wealth of the world equitably. You dismiss this new version of an ancient ideology with a curt, "Aw Phooee"

It's a most versatile expression, really. After you have tried in vain for half an hour to get your car started you throw the crank into the trunk. Even though you be a parson you can exclaim, "Aw Phooee" and nobody can accuse you of swearing. It is such a mild ejaculation. It supersedes the proverbial "Tut-tut!" formerly heard sometimes at Ministerial curling bouts. It is almost onomatopaeic. Its very sound conveys the speaker's mood and meaning. It is capable of expressing his disapproval, his annoyance, his superiority complex and his unmitigated contempt.

While driving through a fair sized Minnesota town one day I realized this wide range of the expression's possibilities. Warning motorists against appropriating a designated section of curb pavement at a lane entrance there stood one of those familiar municipal notices, "No Parking Here — Police Order." Underneath the professionally executed wording some wag had scribbled in drunken letters, "Aw Phooee!"

My first reaction to the chalked inscription was what no doubt its author intended it should be. I chuckled as I envisioned a young scallywag indulging his sense of humour as, puffing and grunting, he wielded a clumsy crayon. Or perhaps he had a grudge against the town cop and thought it would be funny to taunt this minion of the Law by adding an appendix to his "Order." I was intrigued with the incongruity

of the dignified Sign and the pert comment.

It reminded me of occasions when I could not resist the temptation to doctor up official directives on school and college notice boards. It seems to be a phase through which many people pass—and from which some never emerge. So I laughed at that young imp's artistry. Surely he meant to be funny.

Continuing my journey "in vacant or pensive mood,"—readers may determine which—I fell to musing on whether I had done right to laugh at that Order sign's mutilation. Should it be dismissed as an innocent childish prank or regarded as a piece of juvenile effrontery? From a civic point of view it was no laughing matter to ridicule an Order of town authorities promulgated for the regulation of traffic. Here under the guise of humour an act had been committed that might be regarded as incipient contempt for law and order. Proclamations regarding elections threaten stiff penalties for defacing such documents. Is it a comparable offence to disfigure a Police Order?

Along this strain ran my thoughts. Most highway accidents are due to deliberate breaking of traffic laws. Drivers think it smart and even funny to disregard safety regulations. They speed past "Stop" and "School Zone" signs with reckless indifference. Most offenders who find themselves in Police and Criminal Courts are there because they thought themselves clever enough to evade laws with impunity. To the State's whole system of orderly living they say, "Aw Phooee!"

The perverted sense of humour revealed by that wag's scribbling on the Municipal sign leads to mutilation and wanton destruction of private and public property. The boy with unprofitably employed leisure time on his hands thinks it funny to shoot insulators off telephone poles and break windows in vacant houses. Careless of their duty to help preserve equipment provided for their use successive generations of students carve their

names and caricatures upon the desks of schools and colleges. Our old High School Principal used to tell us that if we craved immortality we should strive for a place in the printed Honour Roll of the School. Were we impressed? We just said, "Aw Phooee" and continued to use penknives on the polished oak and ash.

We carried the same attitude into the Church which Rector and Sunday School teachers told us was a sacred edifice, being none other than the House of God. Here we wrote, "Jimmy loves Janey" on the fly leaves of Prayer Books and drew crude pictures of the Rector in the pulpit. To ecclesiastical prohibitions and momentary deep inhibitions we said, "Aw Phooee!"

Not that we were a particularly perverse generation. We were just a cross section of the youth of our day. Actually a much larger percentage of us found our way eventually into the Ministry than do current secondary school graduates. But we were not without that spirit common to the human family which resents discipline and borders on contempt of authority, human and Divine.

It is the spirit shown so generally by the world towards religion today. We live in the midst of a generation which is saying to the Christian Church and all her works, "Aw Phooee!" We have a people who while not actually denying the existence of God are living upon the spiritual capital of a past generation. They have their religion in their parents' names. When confronted with the duty of replenishing the spiritual force of the age they refuse to see any challenge. It would appear that they expect the Church, for which they secretly hold some measure of regard, will continue to operate ad infinitum on a storage battery system that is out of this world. In contrast to this laissez-faire attitude the Communists, Jehovahists and all the other ISTS of our time work tirelessly and flourish.

Even amongst those of the inner and outer circles in our congregations there is room for much more understanding and enthusiasm about the real challenge before the Church. There are so many who fail to realize that it is "the bounden duty" of every member to worship God in his Church every Sunday, as the American Prayer Book in its



Office of Instruction for Confirmation candidates puts it. There are so many who fail to realize that it is the great Commission of the Church to extend God's Kingdom through the Missionary programme.

When I see envelopes placed on the Offertory plate with the Red Side either empty or torn off I think those good Christians who are responsible for this converting of the duplex into single envelopes are saying of Missionary work, "Aw Phooee!" When I know people are absent from Church through neglect, or the greater attraction of some other activity I think they are saying "Aw Phooee!" to the custom of worshipping followed by Our Lord Himself and commended by His Apostles. I wonder if these derelictions of duty might not be classed as Contempt of Court Ecclesiastical.

On the second Sunday of our recent flood conditions in Emerson, having held my Communion Service in the morning and being unable to reach my country points on account of high water I suggested to my wife that we attend evening Service in the United Church. The closing hymn was, "Rise up, O men of God!" Besides the two parsons there were four men in Church. The next Sunday in our own Church, in addition to The Ascension and Mothers' Day we took note of Empire Youth Sunday. We sang, "Youth of world, arise!" There were half a dozen girls and one young man in church to represent youth.

I do not mean to imply that Emerson is unique in its attitude toward the Church. Rather it is illustrative of a widespread condition. On these recent Sundays the flood provided an excellent excuse for absence from worship. At other times cold weather and hot weather, golf and baseball, visiting and sightseeing are just as useful alibis, for neglect. For some reason which apparently has not yet been discovered the Church is not gripping the imagination and holding the loyalty and devotion of the masses.

So the world is saying of the church and its none too fruitful endeavours in various directions to gain a hearing and enlist allegiance, "Aw Phooee!" Referring to the failure of one important department of the Church, the Sunday School, to meet the challenge of our times, the Director of Christian

Education in the American Church said in a report to the National Council this past winter, "The secular world looks at it, laughs, and passes on."

Yet the Church persists and advances. Those who have her interests close to their hearts find comfort and take courage in the fact that this is not the first time the Church has been scorned and ridiculed. She has drifted through calms and ridden out many storms and she will emerge from this testing time triumphant. For she pins her faith to her Ascended Lord who overcame the world and promised His Presence with His people to the end of time.

At the same time the Church's champions must remember that the Head is depending upon the body which consists of many members to fight the good fight of faith in the midst of a cynical, skeptical world, to meet cold indifference with warm enthusiasm, militant antagonism with aggressive pro-Chris-

tian activity, ignorance of the Church's doctrines with intelligent teaching; crass materialism with a living interpretation of spiritual values, and to live lives that are consonant with the ideals of Jesus Christ. The menace of a godless world constitutes the challenge which confronts the Church today.

If the rank and file of her members could be brought to realize this and dedicate themselves to the task of sponging off the spots and ironing out the wrinkles the Church would cease to be the target for the barbs of cynics. There would be no more occasion for the masses to point at the Church and cry, "Aw Phooee!"

The job of lifting the Church up to her rightful place is ours, yours and mine, convicted of doing less than our best, strengthened, and guided into all truth by the Pentecostal gift of the Holy Spirit. "From hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment, Good Lord, deliver us."

## NEWS FROM HONAN

### In spite of appalling difficulties the Honan Church goes forward.

"The long dead Lunghai (railway) line was alive again on the first of April," writes Canon I. H. Wei. This enabled the delegates for the Honan Synod to make the journey to and from Kaifeng safely. "On the second day of the Synod Bishop Tsen conducted a special devotion after which we proceeded with the election of an Assistant Bishop. Dean Francis Tseng received an unanimous vote from both Clerical and Lay readers." Later "it was agreed that each Parish should raise in this year, a sum of **twenty times** as much as that of 1947. It will be pretty hard on those parishes where well-to-do members have fled to other main cities on account of constant change of hands. However, they will do their best."

### St. Paul's Hospital Kweitch Continues

"Dr. Hsu (who carried on all through the Japanese occupation and whose health is impaired) resigned after Miss Kelsey left. It took us quite some time," writes Canon Weo, "to reach a decision to keep the hospital open. Francis Tseng was fortunate enough to get Dr. Samuel Ho to be our new superintendent. Dr. Ho is an Anglican from child-

hood. He graduated from an Episcopal High School in Hankow and from St. John's Medical School in Shanghai. Three years ago he joined C.N.R.R.A. in Honan as Head of the Public Health Department. He will go to St. Paul's shortly taking with him two well-experienced doctors. Dr. Ho, being of C.N.R.R.A. personnel, is the ideal one to go to Kweitch in view of the unusual conditions. We are sure he will do well in St. Paul's."

### St. Paul's makes a good contribution through the Training of Nurses

"The Nursing School has also had a good year," writes Miss Kelsey as of March 15th. "We capped six girls, graduated a class of nine in September and took in eleven probationers in October. There are at present thirty-two girls in the school who are all doing well both in classes and in their practical work on the wards."

**The World is taking your picture: look pleasant please.**

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**A gracious word is an easy obligation and pays big dividends.**

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**We must forget and forgive; and we can't forget unless we forgive.**

## CALENDAR

JUNE, 1948

- 6 2 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 11 St. Barnabas A. & M.  
 13 3 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 20 4 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
 27 5 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 29 St. Peter A. & M.

## THE REV. S. J. BELL TO GO TO FORT SIMPSON

The Rev. S. J. Bell, Rector of Immanuel Church, Wetaskiwin, has resigned his parish and accepted the charge of the mission of Fort Simpson in the MacKenzie River Deanery. Mr. Bell was formerly Vicar of Mannville, and went to Wetaskiwin in July, 1946. His fine conscientious work in every parish has won for him a host of friends, and all will join in wishing him, together with Mrs. Bell and their children, "God-speed" in their new work. They will be leaving the Diocese some time in June.

## NOT NEWS!

News editors always watching owlishly for some pixilated human to snap at a dog never tell us how many dogs spend their whole time not biting men. To supply this want the following exclusive news is joyously presented:

Approximately 33,702,000 couples will remain more or less happily married during this year and not get divorced, if the current trend in marriage and divorce rates continues.

If the present auto accident rate holds through this year, about 87,481,710 drivers and passengers will drive over 350 billion miles without getting killed.

Out of the 12,971,000 little boys in the United States who are under the age of ten, only five or possibly six will have to pass some day through the terrible ordeal of being President of the United States. And of the 12,471,000 little girls in the same age group only five or possibly six will get themselves talked about as First Ladies of the Land.

Probably 21,982,500 boys and girls from seven to seventeen years old will not land in the juvenile courts this year because of alleged juvenile delinquency, according to government statistics.

Last year, 12,577,184 people rode on scheduled airlines in the United States and possessions without getting killed. Approximately 7,100,000 World War II veterans have never been members of the 52,20 club or received veterans' unemployment compensation.

Nine hundred and ninety-four out of every 1,000 children will go through

life without having a crippling case of infantile paralysis, according to figures of Selective Service collected during the war. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis estimates that among children under fifteen, the chances of any one of them getting a crippling case of infantile paralysis even during an epidemic are only one in a thousand.

A train passenger has to travel 996 million miles, on the average, before finally getting himself killed in a train wreck.

One of the most satisfactory, safest and cheapest mouth washes obtainable today, says the Council of Dental Therapeutics, is plain water.

—Kiplinger Magazine.

You cannot dream yourself into a character. You must hammer and forge one yourself.

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Some are always searching for something that will bolster up what they already believe.

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The surest way to make an enemy of a man is to make him feel small and insignificant.

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### ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell  
The Rev. H. W. Buchner

On Ascension Day our Confirmation was held when the Bishop was with us. After the service in the Church the Bishop questioned the candidates briefly. On Whitsunday morning the newly confirmed made their First Communion.

The Men's Fellowship have had two more very interesting meetings this past month under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Sophus. At the first meeting, a discussion was held while at the second, the Hon. H. Hooke spoke on Great Britain and emigration to Canada. The Fellowship meets again on May 28th at 8.00 p.m.

The Chi Rho Fellowship are seeking to inaugurate a Junior Service League at All Saints. This is something entirely new. All proceeds realized will go into one fund, the Cathedral Building Fund. We have one purpose and that is to raise enough money by our voluntary services and talents so that the Building can definitely commence in the Spring of 1949. Here are the services being offered:

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### CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

The Rev. E. S. Ottley

The Annual Confirmation Service was held on Sunday morning, May 9th, when nine candidates were confirmed. This may seem a small number from the Parish, but added to the two adult classes that have been confirmed in the past year, brings the total to twenty-five confirmed in the past twelve months.

**Sunday School**—At the last meeting of the Teachers and Officers plans were drawn for the part which the Sunday School will take in the Garden Party to be held on June 9th. We have also worked out the details for the Annual Sunday School Picnic which is to be held at Victoria Park on June 19th.

**W.A.**—The Spring Tea held in April proved to be a great success in spite of poor weather, the final proceeds being in the neighbourhood of \$110.

The Rummage Sale on April 21st, was also profitable, realizing the sum of \$72.00. It was decided not to hold a tea in June, so as not to conflict with the Garden Party, but to rely on voluntary giving by the members. A collection taken up at the May meeting brought in a generous sum, with some contributions still to come in. A gift was made towards the expenses of the Youth Leadership Course delegates; and a grocery shower held for St. John's House was generously supported. At the May meeting Mrs. Blakey reviewed the last chapter of the study book, "One Family." The date of the Annual Little Helpers' Rally was set for June 3rd. A donation of \$25.00 was made for the purchase of a bed for the staff house at Kapsiwin Camp.

**Scouts**—The Annual Father and Son Banquet was held in the Parish Hall on April 30th. After an excellent supper, provided by the Scout Mothers' Association, announcement was made of the tentative plans for the purchase of the property on the Scouts' Camp stand. A site of some 18 acres is under consideration, and due to the generous contributions of some of the fathers present the plans were carried forward, to that by the time you read this our Troop will own their own camp and camp-site.

**Choir**—May we extend our congratulations to the Choir-Master, Mr. Leonard Betts, to our Organist, Miss Dorothy Teape, and to the members of the Choir for their excellent work at the Musical Festival. It has become something of a habit for the Choir to place first in their Class at the Festival; but, though they were excelled by First Baptist Choir this year, they lost by only two points, and we have every reason for being proud of their performance.

### HOLY TRINITY

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A Service of Confirmation was held on May 9th and we are most grateful to the Bishop for a beautiful and impressive service of witness. Those confirmed were Pauline Rose Cooper, Betty Ann Demro, Elizabeth Granfield, Susan Granfield, Beryl Head, Gwendolyne Ireland, Elizabeth Matthews, (Telfordville), Elizabeth Paton, Daphne Rich, Margaret Smith, Archibald Beare, Russell Brown, John Christensen, William Crook, Richard Gilholme, John Jameson and Allan Millar.

Work has now commenced on our Parish Hall, and we hope to be able to report considerable progress by next month. Donations are being received, and we thank all who have contributed. The project needs the wholehearted support of everyone, and all should have a share in it.

A Parish picnic has been arranged by the Men's Club for Saturday, June 12th from 2 - 6 p.m. Originally in-

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tended for the children of the Sunday Schools, it has now been widened to include everyone and we hope all will come.

**Young Women's Fellowship**—The Whist and Bridge proved a great success, and was much enjoyed by all. Our thanks, also to all who helped with our annual Rummage Sale on May 6th.

**W.A.**—The annual Garden Party will be held on the grounds of the home of Dr. and Mrs. May on Friday, 18th June. All are invited.

**Choir**—Both Senior and Junior choirs took part in the recent Festival, and whilst no Firsts were won both choirs gave a fine account of themselves.

**Parish Guild**—The annual Garden Party will be held on June 23rd.

**Chi Rho**—The date of the play 'Black Cats' has been set for May 28th, and we are hoping it will prove an excellent performance and enjoy the generous support of the congregation.

**Men's Club**—We are grateful to Mr. W. J. Cardy, and members of the Horticultural Society for a most enjoyable programme at our last meeting.

**A.Y.P.A.**—The Conference morning service was held on May 23rd, at Holy Trinity this year, and we were glad to welcome a number of A.Y.P.A. members from other parishes. We hope to hold our election of officers at a meeting in the immediate future.

**Mother's Union**—The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Young. Mrs. G. Benson gave a most interesting missionary paper on the work being done at Kincolth, B.C.

#### ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts

The Rev. G. W. Wilson

The Rev. L. M. Watts presented to Bishop Barfoot on May 13th, for Confirmation the following candidates: John Dennis Constable; Glen Edward Gibbs; Ian Albert Jackson; Ronald Walter Edward McDonald; Frederick Henry Sparling; Irene Lorraine Blair; Patricia Margery Lynette Christophers; Enid Frances Clift; Lucy Mae Collison; Joan Ellis; Jessie Mae Marion Greenfield; Dorothy Joan Gaitt; Marion Barbara McDonald; Elizabeth Joyce Milner; Alice Eunice Rolfe; Dorothy Elizabeth Starratt; Norma Helen Strange; Cathleen Violet Stuckey; June Ilene Stuckey; Patricia Catherine Warner; Geraldine Adell Yule. The adult candidates will be confirmed at an evening service, May 19th.

The Daughters of England paraded to Evening Prayer, April 25th. Morning Service was broadcast over CICA May 2nd. Sunday School examinations were also held May 2nd. On May 9th a presentation was made to Irene King.

The Sanctuary Guild members are deeply sorry to report Mrs. Mutter, Secretary-treasurer is in hospital. All

members of church organizations wish her a speedy recovery. The Guild members wish to thank all those who made their tea and sale a success.

The Afternoon W.A. has completed arrangements for the tea and sale of aprons, fancy work, and home cooking to be held May 21st, in the Empire Room, Mrs. A. Farmilo, convener. All members were glad to welcome Mrs. Jackson, back from vacation and Mrs. Douglas, who has missed a number of meetings due to illness in the family. Mrs. Davis reported the bale well under way. Mrs. V. Young, Evening Group, will assist Mrs. Palmer in the Little Helpers Department. A Congregational Social to be held on a June evening is in the planning stage. Date will be announced later.

The Evening Group W.A. are holding a Rummage Sale, June 26th, and anyone wishing to donate articles suitable, please contact Mrs. F. Varlow, 73289. A letter of thanks was read from Mr. Smith, Birmingham, England. It was decided to cancel the regular devotional meeting and accept the G.A.'s invitation to their Missionary Night. Mrs. R. Smith asked the members to her home June 16th for a party to end the season's work. The sale of aprons and home cooking was a decided success. The W.A.'s thanks to Mrs. Denington, Gladys' Flower Shop, for the use of her shop.

The A and B groups, Girls' Auxiliary, and the C. B. L. held a delightful tea Easter Tuesday. The spring flowers made the tables most attractive and the young people were encouraged by the number of friends who called during the afternoon. A Missionary Night is to be held May 19th.

The A.Y.P.A. went "Star Gazing" the other evening over to the Observatory, object to look at the moon! Sid Ringrose gave a talk on the British Broadcasting Company at an April meeting. Work nights have been held for general repairs and clean up in the parish hall. A Fireside was held May 16th with St. Peter's and Church of the Good Shepherd A.Y. members as guests.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S, N. EDMONTON

The Ladies' Circle held a meeting in April and reorganized a branch of the W.A.

The W.A. of St. Michaels' held a successful tea at the home of Mrs. H. Currey's on May 5th, with a sale of home cooking, fancy work and tea. Pouring tea was an old timer, Mrs. Green, from Vancouver and also Mrs. Phillips.

We certainly appreciate the ladies of other parishes who called to make our tea a success.

Three food parcels were sent to England to the Revs. Stickens, Heard and Dryden, also two clothing parcels are ready to send.

**Baptism:** Pegg Ann Madilene Green.

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**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. R. S. Faulks

Little Helpers of the parish will have a Rally on the 9th of June, Wednesday, at 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Wills hope that all the Little Helpers and their Mothers will be present in the Church at that time.

On Wednesday the 16th of June, the Afternoon Branch of the W.A. plan to have the Annual Strawberry Tea. All parishioners and friends are asked to keep this date in mind, and to lend their support to this affair.

The Evening Group of the W.A. sponsored a very successful Tea and Sale in the parish hall recently, and express their appreciation of all the help received that made the afternoon a worthwhile time.

Best wishes of the congregation go to the former Miss Dorothy Cockroft, and Mr. Eugene Burke, who were married in the parish Church, the second week of May.

**ST. PETER'S, WESTMOUNT**

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. have had a busy time lately, catering for a number of affairs in the parish hall, which included a wedding party, the Sunday School Teachers' banquet, and the Father-and-Son supper of the Scout and Cub group. To round out their spring programme, they are planning a rummage sale on June 3rd, and a Tea later in the month.

A social evening was held at the home of Mrs. F. C. Young with the Choir, recently, to say "Thank you and farewell" to our Organist of the past few years, Mr. H. Taylor, whose services we have appreciated very much at St. Peter's.

Best wishes to those who have lately made their marriage vows at St. Peter's of Edmonton, Dorothea Ewing and Robt. Christianson; of Lethbridge and formerly of St. Mary's, Barrhead, Beatrice Brown and Donald Cameron.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

Patronal Festival services were held this year on May 9th, the Sunday nearest St. John Evangelist ante portam Latinam. We were pleased to welcome as our guest preacher at the evening service the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff.

The Building Sunday conducted in the parish on May 2nd by the members of the vestry, met with an enthusiastic and heart-warming response. A corporate Communion Service was held for all active workers in the morning. In the afternoon a complete parish visitation was carried out. Afternoon tea was served later in the parish hall.

A novel evening was enjoyed recently when members of the Chancel Guild held a Box Social in the parish hall. Following games and old time dancing Mr. A. J. Brown entertained

with a number of conjurer's stunts. The highlight of the evening was the auctioning of the artistically decorated supper boxes nobly and ably conducted by Mr. J. Carter.

Members of the St. John's bowling team were again outplayed by the team from St. Paul's. The return engagement, however, did provide the occasion for an evening of good fun and fellowship. The members of both teams look forward to the inauguration of a regular series which they hope will include men from other city parishes.

**ST. MARK'S, EDMONTON**

The Rev. H. Elliott

Owing to illness the notes for St. Mark's were not sent in last month. It is perhaps sufficient now to say that the Services on Good Friday and Easter Day were very well attended as also was the Ascension Day Service. We are grateful to the Organist and Choir for their fine leadership on each of these days and for their regular attendance every Sunday.

**Confirmation:** On St. Mark's day we were very fortunate in having our Bishop in the morning for a Confirmation and we are grateful to him for giving us the opportunity to keep St. Mark's day in this way. It was also the anniversary of the Bishop's Consecration. Classes had been held since the middle of January.

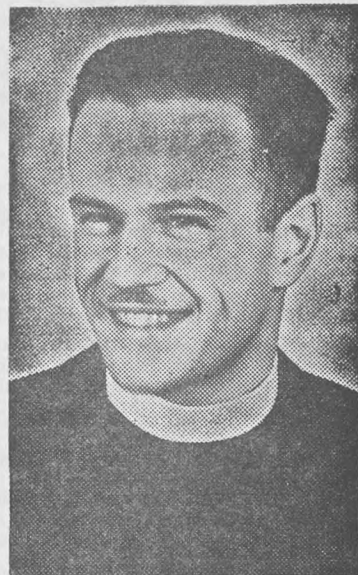
**W.A.:** A very successful tea and sale was held on May 12th for which all are to be congratulated in addition the W.A. have been quite active throughout the season. Their membership is increasing and a canvass is being made by some members to the group still further and to build up a live healthy membership.

Since its formation the Evening group have held regular meetings each week generally at the homes of the members. Mrs. Ripley has been appointed Little Helpers' Secretary and has been working hard in that capacity since.

**G.A. and J.W.A.:** The girls of both Seniors and Juniors are looking forward to their Festival. Their leaders have spent much time and thought in training the girls and we all look forward to the result confident that they will do well.

The A.Y.P.A. produced a musical play locally in the Parish Hall on 16th and 17th of April, on each night to crowded houses. The members were invited to repeat the play at the Colonel Mewburn Hospital and also at Oliver. We are glad to know they accepted and did well at each place. The members of the cast have been most loyal throughout as have also the stage managers and property men.

The chief credit is undoubtedly due to Miss Marie Wilce who took the responsibility of production and coached the members throughout. Well done, A.Y.!

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**ST. MARY'S**

The Rev. W. T. Elkin

The Rectory Fund Appeal for \$2,000.00 was launched on April 17th, and the response to date has been very encouraging, with indications pointing that we shall reach our objective by May 31st.

**W.A.:** Evening Group No. 1 held its last meeting on April 28th at the home of Mrs. P. Hiron. They were very pleased to have as their guest, Mrs. Tackaberry, who very kindly spoke particularly to the new members, enlightening them on the work of the W.A.

**Men's Club:** Another cribbage party was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 7th, with the usual success which attends all efforts of this enterprising group.

**Sunday School:** We are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping that the weather man will smile on us on Saturday afternoon, June 12th, when we plan to have our annual picnic.

G.B.R.E. examinations were held on Sunday May 16th, and we are very proud to report that the largest number of pupils on record for St. Mary's took part.

**Baptisms:** Lofts, Norman Robert.

Your Parish Correspondent would again like to remind all Secretaries of the different groups to kindly have all notes in her hands by the 15th of each month.

**ST. PAUL'S, JASPER PLACE**

The Rev. G. D. Kelly

The Choir entertainment on May 7th proved most enjoyable and successful. The appropriate atmosphere was gained with the assistance of silhouettes on the walls of the hall showing cowboys and Indians, Grandma in her hoop skirt (alias the "new look") a barn lantern added its delicate scented illumination, and the junior members plied their wares with, "peanuts, popcorn and pink lemonade." Several musical items were contributed by the choir members and when, having removed layers of dust from the various films, we saw such characters as Patty Arbuckle and Sarah Bernhardt, "The Old Time Cinema Night" was brought to a close. Mr. H. P. Brown acted as M.C. and a good time was had by all.

The Vestry's HY-LO Whist Drive on May 12th was well attended. It took a little time and a lot of explanation on the part of the People's Warden, Mr. L. R. Kvittem, to solve the riddle of the "HY" and the "LO" but once that was accomplished everything proceeded in order including the serving of the refreshments by the Vestry and the accustomed clean-up and replacement of breakages.

Twelve stout-hearted and true men of the Parish wish to say a hearty "thank you" to the men of St. John the Evangelist Parish who met them so gallantly in the battle of the Bowl-

ing Alley and acted as hosts to the sumptuous repast which followed in St. John's Parish Hall. To all of them we would say, "You may not have made a 'strike' but you sure made a hit" Thank you!

Armed with axes, hatchets, rakes and spades, not to mention scythes, grass-whips and sickles, the men of the Parish have set about clearing the Church property beside the present building. All this in preparation for Fair Day. But we look forward to the time, in the not-too-distant-future when their efforts will enhance the appearance of the new church. Last orders from the "O.C." were to bring paint brushes along next time and see what can be done about improving the outward vesture of the present building.

On May 3rd a Parent's Meeting followed the Scout and Cub Open House. As a result of that meeting a Group Committee has been formed with Mr. M. Cener as President; Mrs. W. Carsgadden as Secretary; and Mrs. G. Jeans as Treasurer.

Two major events of interest to the whole Parish are in the offing:

The Parish Fair to be held on June 12th commencing at 2.30 p.m. and continuing through the afternoon and evening. There promises to be lots of fun for old and young alike and every organization in the Parish is asked to lend its weight in making this an outstanding success.

The second event is to be the Congregational Picnic planned for the latter part of June. Details have not been completed but will be sent out well in advance of the day. We are looking forward to having whole families join with us for a good old-fashioned Parish-family outing.

**ST. GEORGE'S, FT. SASK.**

The Rev. W. W. Burton

The service of confirmation was held at St. George's on Wednesday, May 5th with the Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot officiating. Following the service a reception was held for the Bishop and the newly confirmed members of the church in the Union Hall.

Guests were met at the door by the officers of the church and their wives. A buffet lunch was served and those who poured tea were: Mrs. S. D. Von Iffland, Mrs. W. F. Byers and Mrs. C. H. Williams.

It was with regret that we saw Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Smith leave our parish to take up residence in Edmonton. They have been here thirty years and will be greatly missed.

Another well esteemed couple also left during this month, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams. Owing to Mr. Williams' health condition they will take up residence at the Coast.

The W.A. will present to Mrs. Smith a life membership, the service will be held at a later date. Also, owing to the kindness of an anonymous donor

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a life membership of the W.A. will be presented to Mrs. C. H. Williams.

Before leaving Mrs. Williams was guest of honour at a tea held by the members of the W.A. at the home of Mrs. C. P. Brabbins.

### GIBBONS

The Rector presented the church with a Prayer Desk and Chair in memory of a very dear friend of his, who gave his life for King and Country during the war.

The Bishop confirmed three of our adult members when he visited Fort Saskatchewan recently — Mr. Earl Toane, Mr. Wilfred Derosia and Mr. Cecil Sutterfield, we welcome them into our congregation. Another prospective member is the infant son, born May 12th, of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wearmouth.

On Wednesday, May 12th our little church was the scene of a pretty and impressive ceremony when Audrey Alford was married to Wilfred Derosia. Many friends of both were present and if prayers and good wishes avail, the young couple should have a very happy future.

The W.A. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Dawson. As part of their business they agreed to pay what balance is necessary of the cost of a new floor, or suitable covering for the floor of the church—so it is time for the Vestry to get busy and arrange details as to material etc. required.

Our Rector is away for a short time on a visit to his parents in Victoria, B.C. Our good wishes go with him.

### ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Rev. A. Elliott

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

Services were held the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. N. Allen in Millet with six members present. A letter was received from the Dorcas Secretary acknowledging the receipt of three pairs of flannelette blankets. The members were requested to bring in their Imaginary Tea Money for our June meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. F. Pow.

The Junior Choir held a social hour following choir practice recently.

### GRAND CENTRE

Mr. H. J. Ayres, Lay Reader

Since our Easter Festival Services taken by the Rev. C. E. Wolff on April 11th, Services have been held each Sunday taken by Mr. H. J. Ayres, with Sunday School each Sunday taken by Mrs. N. Wotherspoon.

On Sunday, May 9th, Service was taken combining Ascension Day and Pentecost or Whitsunday, subject of the sermon dealing with our Lord's returning to Heaven. It was necessary for us to combine the Festivals of Ascension and Pentecost on one Sunday, as Mr.

Ayres was obliged to leave on May 14th.

We are grateful to Mr. F. W. Brady who has agreed to take any Funeral Services that may be necessary, during the absence of Mr. Ayres.

On April 29th, we laid to rest Joachim Meerdink, a resident of this district for many years. Mr. Meerdink was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of his native Holland, and was much appreciated by those who remember him for his musical abilities.

On May 6th, Ascension Day, we laid to rest Mrs. Catherine Karbarenko who passed away due to an accident with a gun, which had been left loaded in her home. This was a very sad occurrence indeed, as Mrs. Karbarenko was alone in her home late at night when the accident occurred, and her body was not discovered until midnight, when Mr. Karbarenko, walking home alone from town, reached his house to find his wife already dead. No words of sympathy could have more fully expressed the feelings of the people of this district than did the very large attendance of some 250 people at the Funeral Service.

## Rural Deanery of Pembina

### ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

A meeting of the Altar Guild was held at the Vicarage on April 22nd, when considerable work was accomplished.

The monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Miss O. Watherston on May 12th. After a short business meeting, there was a social gathering to which members of the parish were invited.

Due to flood conditions at Rossington, services had to be cancelled at several points, including a Vestry meeting at Jarvie.

**Holy Matrimony:** Herbert David Churchill of Barrhead and Joan Marie Furher, Barrhead on April 20th.

John Richard Nicol, Belvedere and Kathleen Staniland, Barrhead on April 28th.

### CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

The meeting of the W.A. was held May 4th at the home of Mrs. Ed Hunt. Nine members, two visitors and six children were present. The ladies returned many made-up goods for the sale of work to be held later on, when road conditions have improved. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the ladies and a delightful lunch was served by the hostess.

### ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

We are holding our W.A. meeting regularly every month and with practically full attendance. However there has been no church service since December.

The Gulid of St. Margaret held their May meeting in the Rectory May 6th and it was decided to hold their Spring Sale and tea in the Recreation Hall on Saturday June 12th. The Annual Church Picnic and Dance will be held on the Recreation Grounds on Monday, July 12th as usual. We hope that all who can, will support the Ladies heartily, in these their efforts to raise funds for the Church and its Work in our district.

It is hoped that further Services will be possible by late June, and that either Father Lockyer or Father Frith will pay us the usual visit in July.

Our Church has sent in donations for the Kapasiwin Camp, also an offering, supplied by a few of the members, to help with our Bishop's travelling expenses to England for the Lambeth Conference this summer.

**Holy Baptism:** May 11th, Carol Harbarenko, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harbarenko.

**Funerals:** April 29th, Joachim Elisa Meerdink, R.I.P. May 6th, Katherine Harbarenko, R.I.P.

We are cleaning up the rectory this Spring and it will soon look very inviting with its new coats of calcimine and enamel. Mr. Wm. Jones has been doing this paint job for us. We do hope it will soon be occupied.

The W.A. have given several donations again this month: Elizabeth House, the Canon Turner Fund, the Crippled Children Hospital in Calgary and the C.G.I.T. girls for their camp. We have also increased our pledge as requested in the last issue of "The Churchman."

We are sorry to say Mrs. Lent has been quite ill in the hospital, but glad to say she is home now and on the way to recovery.

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At our last meeting our Pres., Miss Docherty read the detailed and tragic account of Canon Turner's accident, written by Dr. H. M. Speechly. The Arctic has suffered a great loss in the death of Canon Turner.

**Births:** Gregg Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, born April 11th.

### ST. MARY and ST. GEORGE JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

The Bishop visited the Parish on Sunday May 2nd and confirmed a class of twelve candidates presented by the Vicar. There was a large attendance, and it was a singularly beautiful and impressive Service, the Bishop's method of administering the rite in addressing and questioning each candidate by name making confirmation a deeply personal matter. Those confirmed were: Mrs. J. R. Heckley, Mrs. T. C. Fenton, Shirley Clark, Primrose Heckley, Margaret Morrow, John Booth, Eric Bolli, Joe Spencer, Tom Owen, Fred Owen, Don Thrasher and Joe Timberley.

The Evening Service emphasized the fact that it was Rogation Sunday and special prayers were offered for fair weather and God's blessing upon the crops. The Lessons were read by the Lay Reader, Mr. W. Coupland and the Bishop gave a most interesting account of his recent episcopal visit to Yellowknife, Coppermine and Eskimo Missions on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, during which he had travelled thirty-five hundred miles by air and had visited at least two points never before visited by a Bishop. The Bishop paid a great tribute to the twenty years work of Canon J. H. Webster.

After the Evening Service a reception was held in the Parish Hall. The E.B. W.A. kindly provided the refreshments.

The flowers on the Altar during the Bishop's visit were the gift of the Girls' Auxiliary.

Those newly confirmed took their first Communion at a special Service on the morning of Ascension Day, when there was also a large attendance of children as well as older members of the congregation to mark the Festival.

The Jasper High School Council attended St. Mary's on Sunday Evening May 9th to take part in the Annual Empire Youth Sunday Service. The Service was identical in form with one used in Chester Cathedral on a similar occasion in 1943 and thankfully recalled not only the history and expansion of the British people and their contribution to the welfare of the world, but the names of many of the great pioneers who led the people in times of stress and difficulty as well as those who were outstanding in discovery, literature, art, music and science. The Lesson was read by Tom Peterson, and the Vicar preaching from the text "The Kingdom of God is within you" stressed the personal responsibility of all citizenship, showing that it was by the ex-

ercise and assuming of such responsibility that the British Commonwealth of Nations had developed to its present state. In these days of tendency towards 'mass movements' it was more than ever necessary to assert the Christian doctrine of the dignity of man, the worth and importance of the individual and the pressing necessity for each to undertake in a personal way the responsibility of being a citizen.

**Baptisms:** May 9th: Sheila Mary Green; Bertram George William Green.

### ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE

The Rev. J. Dicker

Will W.A. members please remember that our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month?

The W.A. have been sponsoring a series of Whist Drives during the winter and will continue to do so on the third Tuesday of each month if patronage warrants it.

It is to be hoped that by the time this issue of the 'Churchman' reaches you, the W.A.'s of the Pembina Deanery will have completed their plans to attend the Pembina Deanery Meeting to be held at Kapasiwin in June. A representation from every W.A. in the

Pembina Deanery would ensure a well-spent day.

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**Glenevis**—1st, Evensong, 3 p.m. at Mr. Freear's House.

Mrs. Vipan is having a well dug at the Vicarage at Onoway as a memorial to her late husband. This will be a great boon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Turnbull attended the reception at Edmonton when our Bishop was presented with a gift of money from the Diocese on the occasion of his visit to England to attend the Lambeth Conference. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Young of Evansburg, celebrating their golden wedding on May 26th.

The road from the highway to Duffield has been washed out in two places making it impossible to get there for the usual service.

## Rural Deanery of Vermilion

### ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

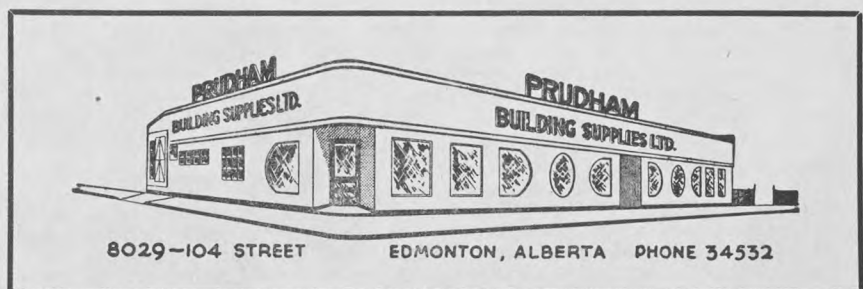
The Rev. H. G. Brant

Easter Day may seem like ancient history now but we cannot desist from saying a word about our celebration of Lent, Holy Week and the Feast of the Resurrection. Lenten Services were held each Wednesday. The subject of the addresses was "Our Life After Death." The attendances at these Services was good and a number of interesting questions were raised as a result of the addresses. Early Celebrations were said at 7.15 a.m. on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preceding Easter. The congregations at these Services were very good; one was larger than some of our eleven o'clock Services on Sunday! A One-Hour Meditation was conducted from 2 to 3 p.m. on Good Friday afternoon which Meditation attracted some of our friends from the United Church. Easter Sunday was a glorious day. The Church was filled. The Altar was

ablaze with beautiful flowers and candles to the Glory of God. The flowers were kindly donated by an old member of St. Mary's, Mrs. Cory.

Miss Anita Scott, who is a talented music teacher in town, and Mr. Brant presented a Two-Piano Recital of work from Rachmaninoff to Gershwin. Miss Ruth Gillis of All Saints' was a very welcome soloist whom everyone enjoyed. The Recital was a great success culturally and financially. Much thanks must be given Miss Scott, who is a member of the United Church, for giving such an amount of her valuable time to the successful presentation of this Recital.

We have been engaged in renovating the Church Building. The new St. Mary's used to be the old Presbyterian Church which we bought and have since converted into Anglican architecture. A Sanctuary and Chancel were built and the W.A. covered this with a beautiful green rug. A Canopy and



matching green Dossal were added to the Altar. The Choir is in a balcony towards the rear of the building. The result accoustically is excellent. Fluorescent lights were added throughout the building and kalsomining, varnishing and painting are being done in order to improve the beauty of the building. And now we are awaiting the visit of the Bishop on Trinity Sunday in order to dedicate the Church. The Bishop will also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the evening of the same day.

The J.W.A. put on a Mothers' Day Tea at the home of Mrs. Geo. Warren. The J.W.A. is under the leadership of Mrs. E. E. Morton.

**Baptisms:** Jonina Dorothy Gudmundson, Wallace Brian Gudmundson.

### ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. T. W. Teape

#### A.Y.P.A.

The meeting on April 27th was held at the home of Glenda Scott.

The tea held April 24th was a great success. With the proceeds we decided to send two members to the convention in Edmonton.

On May 11th the meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The two members elected to attend the conference were Ellen Snellgrove and Harry Kossowan.

Our next meeting will be held on June 1 in the Parish Hall.

#### W.A.

As a parting gift from the members of our Branch, Mrs. Harold Reid, who leaves shortly to take up residence at Hay Lake, Alberta, was presented with a Diocesan Life Membership in the W.A. at a short impressive service held in the church on May 14th, the Rector officiating. Mrs. Reid has been a member of St. Saviour's W.A. for the past twenty years and, during that time,

has been a very active worker, giving freely of herself in every way to further the missionary cause. For the past eight years she has been treasurer of our branch and will be greatly missed by us all.

After the service, a congregational social was held in the Parish Hall, where the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Reid gathered to wish them happiness in their new home. On behalf of the congregation, Mr. Tom Watts presented them with a beautiful table lamp as a small token of the affectionate regard of those with whom they have lived and worked in Vermilion.

#### Happy Hour Group

The Happy Hour Group of St. Saviour's Church held two very successful home cooking sales during the month. The ladies seem to have a town-wide reputation as cooks and the baking on sale soon disappears.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Kerns on the Vermilion School of Agriculture campus, while the next meeting scheduled for June 1 will be at the home of our country member, Mrs. Claude Brennan.

#### Receive Novel Gift

At a Happy Hour Group meeting, where many of the ladies of St. Saviour's Choir are to be found, Mrs. Marjorie Tillet learned that the choir was badly in need of an offertory bag. As a result she wrote a letter to her old home in England, and a blue brocaded bag with oak handles (blue symbolizes womanhood in church adorning) was presently forthcoming from an ecclesiastical firm in London. This was a token from the ladies of Mrs. Tillet's old church choir who sang at her wedding to Mr. Vic Tillet in 1942, Christ Church, Forest Hill, London, England, where she was also baptized and confirmed, and had her two little daughters baptized, to her new church choir at St.

Saviour's, Vermilion. It was actually donated by her sister, Miss Constance Loveridge and Miss Dorothy Hedges, both of Christ Church Choir, and her mother, Mrs. Loveridge. The latter, although not singing in the choir, would not be left out of anything connecting the two churches.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. V. P. Cole

The Vicar and his wife spent a very pleasant holiday at the West Coast during the month of April. During the absence of the Vicar, services were held as usual in Christ Church. The Young People conducted the service on April 11th. Archdeacon Tackaberry came to Mannville for Sunday, April 18th. The Senior W.A. took the service on April 26th, and the Sunday School students conducted the Evensong on May 2nd.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. Mercer home again after their holiday in England. Mrs. Mercer had a letter from the Secretary of the Reconstruction Committee of Coventry Cathedral, thanking her for a donation from Mrs. Arnold, who had collected the money from members of the congregation of Christ Church, Mannville.

The April meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. E. Manz. The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B. K. Jones.

We are very pleased to report that the work of stuccoing the Parish Hall has finally been started. Our hearty vote of thanks goes to the Young People for raising the money for this improvement.

### ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Due to the worst road conditions in years the W.A. bazaar scheduled for April 24th had to be postponed and is planned for some time in June.



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The May W.A. meeting was held at Mrs. Geo. Jackson's home with ten members present. The Leap Year Party was left until later in the summer. More bazaar articles were turned in. Some doilies were sent for the bazaar from our associate member in England, for which a letter of thanks was to be sent;

also each member was to bring an item of food to the next meeting to be packed into a parcel for our associate member, as she had been ill.

In answer to an appeal from the Bishop to help finance a Sunday School of the Air broadcast we decided to give five dollars.

you send your own contribution of fifty cents to Mr. Thomas Lissimore, you include something to cover the cost of the copies which, for one reason or another, are not paid for. Thank-you, very much!

## Rural Deanery of Wainwright

### HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The May W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McCarthy with an attendance of ten. In addition to the regular devotional and business period an interesting letter from our Prayer Partner, Miss Florence Budd of Big River, Saskatchewan, was read by Mrs. Freebury, our Prayer Partner Secretary. Mrs. Freebury had also prepared a flannelgraph and had numerous cut-outs on hand which she intended handing on to the Juniors for demonstration, etc. The Dorcas Secretary and Miss L. Baptist are knitting red sweaters for the bale. Some of the members are also knitting mitts and scarves as a Deanery project. The Thankoffering Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, reminded the members to bring in their Thankoffering Box offerings at the June meeting.

We were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Baptist, who has relinquished her teaching position at Bruce.

**The W.A. are also planning to send a food parcel to a clergyman's family in England, the name being obtained through the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary. Names obtained in this way are vouched for by their Bishops in England.**

There is an interesting article on **Food Parcels for British Clergy** on page 152 of the May **Living Message**. It is certainly worth reading and clearly shows the need and response so far. Rehearsals for the play, "The Family Upstairs," are being held three times weekly in the Church Hall and the play will be presented in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 1st, at 8:30 p.m.

**The Sunday School Scholars** have been busy writing their examinations and a sincere thank-you is extended to the parents who co-operated so willingly in transporting their children over such muddy roads.

### WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

The Mother's Day tea and sale of work, which was held last Saturday, was a great success. The church hall presented a very pleasing aspect, with the decorations of spring flowers. Several ladies loaned the flowers which had been presented to them in honour of Mother's Day and these, combined with crocuses and pussy willows, together with the improved interior of the hall made a delightful picture. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Gore

for the wonderful way in which she worked and inspired others to labour so long and faithfully making articles which covered the work table. In this one section there were well over a hundred beautifully designed and skilfully worked articles of many kinds. The home cooking section was, as usual, very popular. The Girls' Auxiliary also had a part in this very successful venture. Their table was covered with samples of handicraft work, shell brooches, ear rings and home-made candy. The neat appearance of the members of the group in their trim uniforms were both a credit to themselves and the leaders who have given so much of themselves to the girls in such a short while.

Our thanks to Mr. T. Lissimore and Mr. P. M. Armishaw for the splendid work they have performed in connection with the scheme for providing cupboard and storage space for the various groups. The cupboards are now complete with the exception of staining. It is a great asset to have such capacious cupboards, providing almost two hundred and sixteen cubic feet of storage space.

So far this year it has only been possible to hold one service at Battle Heights. The roads for many weeks were blocked with snow and then rendered impassable by mud. It is felt that the authorities responsible for the maintenance of highways should give much thought to the people who do not happen to live on the main roads.

We would like to remind the recipients of the **Edmonton Churchman** that we are privileged to contribute towards the publication cost of this paper. It is the wish of the Executive Committee that the **Edmonton Churchman** be made available to every Anglican family in the Wainwright parish, whether they are able to pay for it or not. We would therefore humbly suggest that when

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### IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

The Rev. S. J. Bell

#### A.Y.P.A.

Since our party originally planned for May 1st was flooded out, the date was moved ahead to May 14th. Despite adverse weather conditions even then, 30 members and guests attended and spent the evening in dancing and later enjoyed cokes and cake. The Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Bell were patrons, and Roger Maggs, M.C., Irene Phay and John Hellam assisted in arrangements.

Lending a helping hand has always been second nature to A.Y.-ers and this was put into practice recently when the group as a whole took over the Loader home and helped Edna and her mother to right the damage caused by flood waters. The boys did a thorough job of the basement while the girls washed everything they could find that was washable.

Tuesday evening, May 4th, the group's Edification meeting took the form of a tour through Central Alberta Bakery. Every member now has a greater feeling of respect for his toast. Following the inspection everyone went back to the Parish Hall for lunch and a fellowship hour.

Four new members will be initiated in the next week: Margaret Cooper, Sarah Colleton, Lois Janzen and Shirley Lidgett. The girls are all very interested in A.Y. and will make excellent members.

A smaller than usual delegation will attend the annual conference in Edmonton. Most members had made plans for May 24 before notification was received, and it came as a great disappointment to them not to be able to attend.

The A.Y.P.A. learned with deepest regret that Mr. Bell will leave Wetaskiwin in June. No one could have done more for a group than Mr. Bell and he will be missed sincerely by one and all.

### ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

Whitsunday was the date of our annual Confirmation. The service was offered in the presence of a witnessing congregation that filled the church. All were impressed by the dignity and reverence of the ancient rite of the Laying on of Hands, and the solemnity with which the Bishop questioned the candidates. It was a true meeting of the Holy Spirit with candidates and congregation alike.

The class consisted of Donald Shes-topalski, Peter Ness, Glen Maglis, Peter Daintith, Betty Amor, Nan Daintith, Mrs. J. H. Hare, Mrs. W. Burrows, Mrs. N. Blades and Mrs. C. McDonald.

The Bishop reminded us that we were celebrating the Feast of Pentecost; we were expecting the Holy Spirit to bless

with His presence all the members of His Church. The Holy Spirit reveals Himself to us; God's honesty, His lack of hypocrisy, His hatred of sham and professionalism in religion. Jesus believed what He said, and said what He believed. The Church must do similarly, fearlessly. People who trust God are guided by the Holy Spirit. This trust may lead us into the blessed company of those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake and those who are poor in spirit. The Holy Ghost guides us to understand the nature of God's love—we see part of it as we watch Jesus with children but we have to follow Him to Calvary to know the fullness of that love. So we learn to trust God, and love truth, and we will know that God is Love.

### ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

It was a great pleasure to have Bishop Barfoot with us May 16th. Instead of a regular sermon the Bishop gave an account of his 3,500-mile trip to Coppermine and his unforgettable welcome by the Eskimos. He told also of the fine work being done by Canon Webster and his arduous journeys by dog-sled to visit points in his "parish."

Stormy weather and bad roads have interfered considerably with the holding of services and W.A. meetings recently. However we are hoping that both will be held regularly from now on.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. G. E. Watkins in the loss of his wife. Funeral services were conducted in St. Dunstan's, May 5th, by Mr. J. G. Baker.

### SEDGEWICK MISSION

The Rev. W. Brooks

#### Killam

Activity soon followed discussion relative to the renovation of the interior of S. George's and we are happy to report that within a very short while the job will be entirely completed. Thanks to our vestry and the W.A. who have given unstintingly of their time and labor in the clean-up work and varnishing. We are glad to report that road conditions are rapidly improving and allow many of our friends to join us at the services again. The W.A. held their meeting at the rectory in Sedgewick, at which time business was completed in connection with the meeting to be held June 16th.

#### Sedgewick

Here we also report plans and action dealing with the improvement of our church and property. The W.A. have undertaken the responsibility of interior work and new lighting in the church. We feel this will greatly improve our building, adding a bright and cheery finish with which we sincerely hope to welcome newcomers. The Spring thaw flooded our hall basement, but thanks to the co-operation of our men, the situ-

ation was in hand after a few days. It was decided to prevent any recurrence of this type by dirt-fill all around the church and hall, and work upon this has already begun. We thank Mr. F. Beirsto, Mr. G. Tanton and Mr. J.

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Adamson for their joint efforts in helping complete the structure over our basement stairway at the hall, and to Mr. E. Leah for organizing the "bee" which began the other outside work. We also extend our thanks to the ladies who provided refreshments for the workers. There was a W.A. meeting at the home of Mrs. Burch, and following the devotional period given by the president, an interesting discussion in connection with foregoing improvements on the church was heard.

### Lougheed

Plans for a clean-up here were temporarily halted by rain, but we expect to proceed with the same very soon. The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Sr. and completion of arrangements to cater to the sports on the 24th May were carried forward. We were glad to see members present from out-of-town who had been "snowed in" and "flooded out," and when Mr. Barton and family came to church in the buggy because of road conditions it proved the value of the horse again. Our Whit-sunday service was well attended and we hope this is an indication that we will soon be back to our former well-attended gatherings. We will hold a third service here in months with five Sundays at the regular hour.

### Hardisty

Our people here have been living on an island of late, and boats have been used to the east to ferry people into and out of town, while in a westerly direction washouts on the highway interrupted communications. Despite the many difficulties the W.A. proceeded with Mother's Day Tea plans and reported a pretty successful effort. We are glad to report the recovery of Mr. French from his recent illness, and we all are happy that Mrs. Webb is also greatly improved.

To each of our parishioners, this is the year in which the Spiritual Advance continues, let us make that extra effort to give to God the one hour each week we ought and more than this let us bring someone else with us on these occasions. It is heartening to report to you that in each of our recent appeals there was a good response throughout the Diocese. Your vestry will soon be in possession of the figures.

### THE COMFORT OF THE ATOM BOMB

It is a commonplace to say that the whole civilized world has been profoundly shocked at the fearful powers of destruction that science has put into men's hands by the discovery of the atomic bomb. But the way in which this has made even the most thoughtless realize what sort of a world this is in which we live, is a very good thing. For years the materialist has been saying that the only "real" things

are those which can be weighed and measured, seen and touched, and that all the spiritual things which are taught by true religion are vague, shadowy and "unreal." But now the boot is on the other foot, and materialism has received a death-blow.

Everybody who reads a newspaper now knows that all the things that seem so solid and hard and permanent are not really so at all. They seem solid only because the particles that compose the atoms of which everything is composed are moving round the central "nucleus" at such a fantastic speed. Once loose those particles, as is done in the atomic bomb, and the most solid things that we know, like steel and concrete, are less substantial than a puff of cigarette smoke.

It is surely a comfort to know that people are beginning to see that the "real" things are the spiritual. No atomic bomb, however powerful, could destroy, for example, love or faith or hope or courage or self-sacrifice, any more than you can cut a sunbeam to pieces with a sword. The qualities which cannot be bought or sold, which cannot be measured or weighed or seen or handled, they are the permanent indestructible things. It is the material world which is impermanent and unsubstantial. The body can be blown to pieces, but not the spirit.

This is, of course, what the Bible has been saying for centuries. It has pointed out that this present set-up that we call life is only temporary, and that man is not merely a physical and mental phenomenon but a spiritual being. He is not therefore to be taken in or overwhelmed by either the glammers or the accidents of this life, but to concentrate upon establishing and maintaining his real, that is, spiritual, life. The Bible tells him how to do this, and shows how it is perfectly possible for anyone to be rescued from the inevitable disintegration of the merely material world and firmly established in the permanent world. When this has happened to a man he has nothing to fear from this world, and death itself can only mean the casting-off of the temporary and imperfect.

There is comfort, then, in this new discovery. It has provided an unanswerable demonstration that materialism is not enough, and an endorsement of the hope that lies deep in every man's heart—that he is not merely a creature of a few years' life on this planet, but made to share the eternal life of God. The New Testament shows how this hope can come true for everyone who is ready to believe its message.

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there welled up in their souls the fact that God's purposes march on.

Mr. Hudspeth related how on one occasion he attended a Christian service in Peking in a church whose denomination he did not know. The sign in front of the church simply read "The Church of Jesus Christ." The church was crowded and when the preacher announced the Scripture lesson at least half of the congregation took out their Bibles and followed the preacher. An arresting feature of the Chinese church is that the people carry the Word of God with them.

In another illustration he described a successful biscuit maker who after becoming a Christian, would put this text "Jesus said, I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger" into each box of biscuits. The text was given in Chinese, Japanese and Burmese. He received many inquiries as to the meaning and in reply would send a letter and a complete Gospel of John. In this way the word found its way to many farmsteads and villages all over China, Japan and Burma.

What about the present position? What is the outlook? What is really happening in China? China is divided into two armed camps one led by Chiang Kai Shek, the other by the leader of the Communists. These are locked in combat, but it is factional fighting. 85% of the Chinese are farmers and they are tired and weary of civil war. They ask more eagerly than ever, "Can the Christian Church solve our difficulties? Has the New Testament any message for us? Never before have the Chinese been so sensitive to the Christian message. Mr. Hudspeth advised his hearers not to be nervous and discouraged about the outlook. Nations and evil are on the march, but God is behind His church, behind His Word. There is no prison for the Word of God. God's purpose will be fulfilled. He concluded by saying "I believe with all my heart that someday China will be saved to Jesus Christ."

**When a person is upset and in need of sympathetic response—just then he is apt to be more disagreeable and to turn sympathy away.**